

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
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For: NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL CATALYST MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL  
APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MANAGING NO<sub>x</sub> REMOVAL CATALYST

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, and following entry of the Article 34 Amendment, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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